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SUBJECT: 62ND ECOSOC, ITEM 15: ELECTIONS, HUMAN RIGHTS
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1. AS NOTED IN SEPTTEL, APRIL 28 MEETING OF WEO GROUP
FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A WEO SLATE FOR THE HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION.

2. TWO NON-WEO DELEGATIONS HAVE VOTED TO US THAT THE
FRENCH AND AUSTRALIANS HAVE APPROACHED CAPITALS ON THIS
QUESTION; ONE (AFGHANISTAN) HAS TOLD US ITS VOTE WOULD
BE DETERMINED AT HOME. THE MISSION, THEREFORE, CONCLUDES
THAT IT IS ON BALANCE ADVISABLE TO APPROACH ALL ECOSOC CAPI-
TALS TO URGE SUPPORT FOR OUR THREE CANDIDACIES FOR ECOSOC
SUBSIDIARY BODIES; THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION; THE STATIS-
TICAL COMMISSION; AND THE POPULATION COMMISSION (FOR WHICH
WE HAVE WEO GROUP ENDORSEMENT). ACKNOWLEDGMENT SHOULD BE
MADE, WHERE APPROPRIATE, OF FORMAL ASSURANCES OF SUPPORT
RECEIVED. (OUR RECORDS SHOW NOTES FROM THE FRG, SYRIA,
MEXICO, AND THE NETHERLANDS.)

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3. OUR EXPERIENCE HERE DEMONSTRATES AN INCREASING IN-
CLINATION OF COUNTRIES TO "CUT DEALS" OVER ELECTIONS.
EVEN CANADA PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT TO "NAIL DOWN" "OPEN"
CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR US ON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (IT
WAS ADMITTED WE WOULD MOST LIKELY HAVE THEIR VOTE ANYWAY)
IN EXCHANGE FOR SUPPORT FOR THEIR CANDIDACY FOR UNICEF.
WHILE MISSION DOES NOT PROPOSE WE MAKE EXPLICIT ARRANGE-

MENTS, EMBASSIES SHOULD CERTAINLY MAKE FORTHCOMING NOISES
WHEN SUCH PROPOSALS ARE MADE.

4. NOTE: LOCALLY THE CAMPAIGN GOES ON. THE AUSTRALIANS
HAVE ASSURED US "ON INSTRUCTIONS" THAT WE ARE NOT THEIR
TARGET AND THAT, INDEED, THEY VERY MUCH WANT TO AVOID A
SITUATION WHERE IT WOULD APPEAR THEY GAINED THEIR SEAT AT
OUR EXPENSE. WE WERE TOLD THE AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY
MADE THIS POINT EXPRESSLY TO THE BRAZILIANS, IN CANBERRA, FOR
ONE.
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